

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A utility bag comprising:

5 three or more compartments, each of the three or more compartments connected to another of the three or more compartments by an articulation segment,

wherein the utility bag has a stacked position, the three or more compartments being on top of one another when the utility bag is in the stacked position, and wherein the utility bag has an opened position, the three or more compartments being side-by-side when the utility bag is in the
10 opened position.

2. The utility bag of claim 1, wherein each of the three or more compartments comprises:

a bottom portion wherein the bottom portions face in an upward direction when the
15 utility bag is in the opened position, and wherein at least one of the bottom portions of at least one of the three or more compartments faces in a downward direction when the utility bag is in the stacked position.

3. The utility bag of claim 1, wherein each of the three or more compartments
20 comprises:

two lengthwise sides; and

two end sides, wherein at least one of the lengthwise sides of at least one of the three or more compartments has at least one external pocket.

4. The utility bag of claim 1, wherein at least one of the three or more compartments is
5 composed of insulating material.

5. The utility bag of claim 1, wherein at least one of the three or more compartments comprises padding material.

10 6. The utility bag of claim 1, wherein at least one of the three or more compartments comprises a removable plastic liner.

7. The utility bag of claim 6, wherein the removable plastic liner is attachable by a hook-and-loop fastener.

15 8. The utility bag of claim 1, wherein at least one of the three or more compartments has an external mesh pocket.

9. The utility bag of claim 1, further comprising an adjustable strap removably secured
20 to the utility bag when the utility bag is in the stacked position.

10. The utility bag of claim 1, further comprising a zipper to secure two of the three or more compartments when the utility bag is in the stacked position.

11. The utility bag of claim 1, the utility bag having an uppermost compartment when the bag is in the stacked position, the uppermost compartment having a lid portion, the lid portion further having a handle.

12. The utility bag of claim 11, wherein the uppermost compartment has an internal pocket, the internal pocket made of mesh material.

13. The utility bag of claim 11, wherein the uppermost compartment has an internal strap for securing a stowed item.

14. The utility bag of claim 1, wherein the three or more compartments comprises:
a first compartment;
a second compartment positioned over the first compartment when the utility bag is in the stacked position; and
a third compartment positioned over the second compartment when the utility bag is in the stacked position.

15. The utility bag of claim 14, wherein the first compartment comprises a first separator flap securing an interior of the first compartment.

16. The utility bag of claim 15, wherein the first separator flap comprises a pocket for stowage of one or more items.

5 17. The utility bag of claim 14, wherein the second compartment comprises a separator flap securing an interior of the second compartment.

18. A method of using a utility bag comprising:
providing the utility bag having three or more compartments, each of the three or
10 more of compartments connected by an articulation segment;
unfolding the utility bag about the articulation segments; and
changing a relative position of each of the three or more compartments from a stacked position to a side-by-side position.

15 19. The method of using a utility bag of claim 18, further comprising:
folding the utility bag about the articulation segments; and
changing the relative position of each of the three or more compartments from the side-by-side position to the stacked position.

20 20. The method of using a utility bag of claim 18, further comprising securing the three or more compartments in the stacked position with a zipper.

21. The method of using a utility bag of claim 18, further comprising carrying the utility bag using an adjustable, removable strap.

22. A utility bag comprising:

5 a first compartment, the first compartment having a bottom portion and a first separator flap; and

a second compartment having a bottom portion and a second separator flap, wherein the utility bag has an opened position and a stacked position, and wherein the second compartment is inverted and on top of the first compartment when the utility bag is in the stacked position, and
10 wherein the second compartment is adjacent to the first compartment when the utility bag is in the opened position;

a third compartment, the third compartment being an uppermost compartment when the utility bag is in the stacked position; and

a second articulation segment connecting the second compartment to the first
15 compartment.

23. The utility bag of claim 22, wherein either the first separator flap or the second separator flap comprises a pocket.

24. The utility bag of claim 22, further comprising a first articulation segment connecting the first compartment and the second compartment, wherein the second compartment or the first

compartment is rotated about the first articulation segment when the utility bag is transformed from the stacked position to the opened position.

5 25. The utility bag of claim 22, wherein the third compartment comprises:
 an external pocket;
 an internal pocket; and
 an internal strap for securing articles.

10 26. The utility bag of claim 22, wherein the third compartment further comprises a lid portion, the lid portion being secured by a zipper and having a handle.

 27. The utility bag of claim 22, wherein each of the first compartment and second compartment comprise:
15 two lengthwise sides; and
 two end sides, an end side of the second compartment having an external pocket.

 28. The utility bag of claim 22, wherein at least one of the first and second compartments is composed of insulating material.

20 29. The utility bag of claim 22, wherein at least one of the first and second compartments comprises padding material.

30. The utility bag of claim 22, wherein at least one of the first and second compartments comprises a removable plastic liner.

5 31. The utility bag of claim 22, further comprising an adjustable strap removably secured to the utility bag when the utility bag is in the stacked position.

32. The utility bag of claim 22, further comprising a zipper to secure the first and second compartments when the utility bag is in the stacked position.

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